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CROPS IN GENERAL.

CANADA.

Preliminary official estimates.

Crop.	Production.	
	Est. July 31, 1919.	Final 1918.
	Bushels.	Bushels.
Fall wheat ...	22,875,800	7,942,000
Spring wheat		181,132,550
All "	248,500,000	189,075,350
Oats	405,819,000	426,312,500
Barley	67,656,000	77,287,240
Flax	8,172,000	6,055,200

Latest Reports from the Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

Manitoba, Aug. 7:- Harvest this year began unprecedently early.
Rust and heat reduced the average yield to about 15.5 bushels per acre.

Saskatchewan, Aug. 11:- 75 per cent of wheat and 25 per cent of early sown oats cut.

Alberta, End of July:- Conditions satisfactory in Peace River District.
Grain crops failed over a considerable portion of southern Alberta and greatly improved in Central Alberta.

DENMARK.

Official report on condition of crops.

Crop.	Islands.		Jutland.	
	Aug. 1, 1919.	July 1, 1919.	Aug. 1, 1919.	July 1, 1919.
Wheat	4.6	4.3	3.8	3.7
Rye	4.3	4.0	3.6	3.3
Barley	4.5	3.6	4.1	3.5
Oats	4.4	3.8	4.0	3.4
Maslin	4.4	3.8	4.1	3.5
Potatoes	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.0
Sugar beets ..	4.0	3.8	...	3.0
Field hay ...	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.3
Meadow hay ...	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.0
Pasture	4.1	3.6	3.6	2.8

6 = very good, 5 = above average, 4 = average,
3 = below average, 2 = poor but not bad, and 1 = bad.

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ENGLAND AND WALES.

Official report for August 1, 1919.

Crop.	Aug. 1.	July 1.	Crop.	Aug. 1.	July 1.
Wheat	92	91	Mangolds	77	80
Barley	86	84	Seed's hay	80	80
Oats	80	80	Meadow hay	73	78
Beans	90	93	Hops	104	101
Peas	91	90	Potatoes	91	90

100 = average crop.

FRANCE.

Condition of crops.

The temperature has risen considerably and thanks to the dry and warm days the harvest proceeds regularly and vegetation makes rapid progress. (Journal d' Agriculture Pratique, August 7, 1919).

Stocks of cereals in the custom warehouses.

Article.	March 31, 1919.	March 31, 1918.	March 31, 1914.
	Tons, 2000 lbs.	Tons 2000 lbs.	Tons 2000 lbs.
Wheat, Spelt and Maslin	5,047		85,485
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Rye	129,186	3,897	25,388
Oats	91,367	268,768	1,222,981
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Barrels.
Wheat flour	35,285	4,307	34,267

(International Institute of Agriculture Rome.)

MEXICO.

From the Department of Agriculture, Propaganda and Statistics of the Secretary of Agriculture and Promotion of the Mexican Government, the American Chamber of Commerce gets the following figures as to CROPS OF MEXICO IN 1918.

Rice <u>a</u> pounds.	40,154,924	Green peppers . . . pounds	67,326,169
Barley bushels	17,711,114	Dry peppers "	13,747,043
Corn "	75,934,741	Peanuts bushels	473,432
Wheat "	10,469,751	Cocopa pounds	5,511,500
Beans "	4,857,587	Coffee "	104,900,269
Chick peas "	2,546,447	Vanilla "	202,664
Sweet potatoes "	795,398	Tobacco "	27,963,000
Potatoes "	451,575	Henequen "	348,473,807
Sugar cane . . . short ton	1,404,477	Cotton <u>b</u> bales	365,709
Sugar " "	73,243	Molasses pounds	110,192,852
Brown sugar " "	61,075		

a Not stated whether rough or cleaned. b Not stated whether ginned or unginned.

The chief of the Department informs us that the indications are that most of these crops will show an increase in 1919 20% and 25% greater than the 1918 production. (Journal of the American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico).

SWEDEN.

Latest reports place this year's crops far above average, with a double production of hay, record production of rye, potatoes and roots (including sugar beets), and an average wheat crop.

(Consul George D. Hopper, Stockholm, August 9, 1919.)

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SWITZERLAND.

Condition of crops.			
Crop.	July 1, 1919.	June 1, 1919.	July 1, 1918.
Winter wheat	96	95	96
Spring wheat	83	87	93
Spelt	97	98	101
Winter rye	99	97	102
Spring rye	84	89	98
Maslin	96	98	101
Winter barley	98	97	102
Spring barley	84	89	97
Corn	90	92	90
Oats	79	88	94
Potatoes	93	95	95

100 = Last ten-year average.

Natural meadows	2.91	2.79	3.20
Artificial meadows	3.10	3.06	3.41
Alpine pastures	3.04	2.42	2.83

5 = very good, 4 = good, 3 = Medium, 2 = bad, 1 = very bad.

Immediately after the close of this report there arrived from various localities reports of hailstorms which caused considerable damage. The storms also caused lodging of cereals in many places.

(Sweizer. Landwirtschaftliche Marktzeitung).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA:

On June 27, the Minister of Food Supply announced to the Feeding Committee that with the exception of legumes and poppy seed the entire harvest of this year is to be taken over by the Government.

The Press announces that the Ministry of Food has determined on the following prices to be paid by the Government for grains.

	Kronen Per quintal.	Dollars per bushels, (converted at par.)
Wheat	80	4.41
Rye	80	4.12
Barley	75	3.31
Corn	70	3.60
Oats	65	1.91

The papers further report that representatives of the farmers have protested to the Ministry of Agriculture that the above prices are too small. It seems possible that the prices may be somewhat increased.

(Consul Wallace J. Young, Prague, June 28, 1919).

ITALY.

1919 Crops requisitioned by the Government.

By decree of May 31, 1919, the Italian Ministry of Food Control requisitioned wheat, barley, and rye of the harvest of 1919. Growers are permitted to reserve for their own use quantities of these cereals sufficient for sowing the new crop and for the maintenance of their families and those dependents and employees to whom they must supply food or payment in kind. (Commerce Reports, August 19, 1919).

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WHEAT.

LOWER CALIFORNIA (MEXICO).

The area planted to wheat in the northern district of Lower California for the present year is approximately 10,000 acres. The average yield is estimated at 5 bushels per acre. This is about the same acreage as was planted during 1918. (Consul Sydney Smith, Ensenada, Lower California, Mexico, July 7, 1919).

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CORN.

AUSTRALIA.

New South Wales. - Late sown maize coming on well. Outlook for the early sown far from satisfactory.

Queensland. - Prospects for heavy crop are remote.

Victoria. - The area for 1918-19 was 22,559 acres compared with 20,987 acres sown in 1917-18 when the yield was 1,152,787 bushels. Official statistics of the harvest for 1918-19 are not yet available, but on the basis of the average for the previous season it is estimated the yield will approximate 1,240,000 bushels. (Trade Commissioner A. W. Ferrin, Melbourne, June 7, 1919). - Commerce Reports.

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BEANS.

LOWER CALIFORNIA (MEXICO).

About 2,000 acres have been planted to white beans this year being a 40 per cent reduction from the 1918 acreage. The yield per acre promises to be about 220 pounds or about 50 per cent of the 1918 yield. (Consul Sydney Smith, July 7, 1919). - Commerce Reports.

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SUGAR.

MEXICO.

Due to drought the actual sugar crop fell far short of estimates of last December which placed the production at 120,000 to 140,000 tons. The production in Vera Cruz will not exceed 25,000 tons and that of other States will fall from 40 to 50 per cent below the expected output. The situation is aggravated by the fact that the current year's imports were no more than 1,000 tons against 30,000 tons last year. There was no stock left over from last crop. (Vice Consul Charles H. Cunningham, Mexico City, July 30, 1919).

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COFFEE.

ECUADOR.

Consul General Frederick W. Goding reports, under date of July 17, 1919, that Ecuador's coffee crop this year is very small, and that at the most but 5 to 10 per cent of last year's crop will be realized. (Commerce Reports.)

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GUADELOUPE.

The weather for the growing coffee has been excellent and planters are expecting crops to increase 50 per cent over the yield of last year, which was a very inferior crop. (Vice Consul E. St. George Lough, Basse Terre, Guadeloupe, July 21, 1919). - Commerce Reports.

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COCOA.

GUADELOUPE.

Reports about the cocoa crops vary but the yield will probably not be more than average. (Vice Consul E. St. George Lough, July 21, 1919). Commerce Reports.

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VANILLA.

GUADELOUPE.

The prospects for a good vanilla crop for 1919 are excellent with promise of 50 per cent more than in 1918.
(Vice Consul E. St. George Lough, July 31, 1919.) Commerce Reports.

COTTON.

EGYPT.

Report on conditions during June by the
Alexandria Produce Association.

Lower Egypt.- Due to unfavorable temperature the growth of cotton plants is slow. Generally speaking, the crop is 15-20 days late. The plants are short but look strong and healthy.

Upper Egypt and Fayoum.- The temperature, though cool, was not unfavorable to the crops which are still about 20 days late.

Production of cotton in some minor British Possessions.

The British Cotton Growing Association estimates the amount of cotton grown in new fields in the British Empire during the last five years as follows, in bales of 400 pounds each:

Possession.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
West Africa	14,850	7,600	20,300	11,900	6,200
East Africa	50,500	34,500	33,800	30,700	28,200
Sudan	10,000	24,000	16,200	23,000	12,000
West Indies	6,000	5,600	3,500	3,000	4,500
Other	1,000	3,500	5,000	4,000	4,000
Total	82,350	75,200	78,800	72,600	54,900

(Consul Ross E. Holaday, Manchester, June 30, 1919.)

JUTE.

BRITISH INDIA.

Preliminary official forecast.

The estimated area under jute in 1919 is 2,749,120 acres, an increase of 248,738 acres or about 9.9 per cent on last year's final figures (2,500,382.) The conditions in Bengal where the bulk of jute is grown, promise a better crop than that of last year and condition of the crop in Bihar and Orissa is fair. The stocks of old jute are small.

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WORLD CROPS, 1917-1919.

The figures in these tables are taken from original reports published by the various Governments, from the International Institute of Agriculture, and from other reliable sources that quote Government reports.

The years given here are those during which the harvest takes place. In the countries marked with an asterisk (*) the harvest extends from the end of one year to the beginning of the next year and for these countries the years are 1918-19, 1917-18, and 1916-17, respectively.

The later data are subject to revision.

POTATOES.

Country.	Area (000 omitted.)			Production (000 omitted.)		
	1919.	1918.	1917.	1919.	1918.	1917.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
NORTH AMERICA.						
United States ..	4,003	4,210	4,384	357,120	400,106	442,108
Canada		735	657		104,364	79,892
Mexico					452	
SOUTH AMERICA.						
*Chile			70			9,091
EUROPE.						
Denmark		186	143		40,605	31,882
France <u>a</u> <u>b</u>		2,884	3,386		228,433	382,647
Germany <u>b</u>		6,740	6,186		1,082,816	1,264,374
Italy <u>a</u>		741	732		44,092	48,112
Luxemburg		25	27		4,731	5,925
Netherlands		405	430		94,794	123,978
Norway		133	145		28,954	39,700
Spain		728	839		94,776	102,973
Sweden		419	397		71,129	83,700
Switzerland		168	140			36,376
United Kingdom .		1,512	1,377		344,297	321,209
ASIA.						
Japanese Empire:						
Japan	343	273	299		41,275	47,616
Karafuto			3			291
AFRICA.						
Tunis		5	1			92
AUSTRALASIA.						
*Australia			150			13,328
*New Zealand ...		23	26		3,756	4,989

a Excluding invaded territory.
b Excluding Alsace-Lorraine.

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